Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) <u>An isolated</u> A *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium comprising an expression cassette, the expression cassette comprising a promoter operably linked to polynucleotide encoding a signal sequence and a biologically-active polypeptide, wherein the biologically active polypeptide <u>is expressed and</u> is linked to a heterologous carboxyl terminal cell wall targeting region and wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:8 or variants thereof in which LPQTG (SEQ ID NO:13) in SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:8 is replaced with LPQSG (SEQ ID NO:11), LPQAG (SEQ ID NO:12), or LPQTA (SEQ ID NO:14).

2-3. (Canceled)

- 4. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the heterologous carboxyl terminal cell wall targeting region further comprises a charged sequence at the carboxyl terminus of the cell wall targeting region, wherein the charged sequence comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, and SEQ ID NO:24.
- 5. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium is a vagina-colonizing strain.
 - 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQSG (SEQ ID NO:11).

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- 8. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQAG (SEQ ID NO:12).
- 9. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQTG (SEQ ID NO:13).
- 10. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQTA (SEQ ID NO:14).
- 11. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:7.
- 12. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:8.
- 13. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the biologically active polypeptide is expressed in the cell wall of the bacterium.
 - 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the biologically active protein binds to a pathogen when the biologically active protein is contacted with the pathogen.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a bacterial pathogen.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a fungal pathogen.
- 18. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a viral pathogen.

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- 19. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 18, wherein the viral pathogen is HIV.
- 20. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 19, wherein the biologically active protein is CD4 or an HIV-binding fragment of CD4.
- 21. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 19, wherein the biologically active protein is 2D-CD4.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 18, wherein the biologically active protein is cyanovirin-N or a virus-binding fragment of cyanovirin-N.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 18, wherein the viral pathogen is herpes simplex virus.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 18, wherein the biologically active protein is herpes simplex virus entry mediator C (HveC) or a virusbinding fragment of HveC.
- 25. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the biologically active polypeptide is released from the *Lactobacillus* bacterium.
- 26. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 4, wherein the biologically active polypeptide is anchored to the cell wall of the *Lactobacillus* bacterium.

27-66. (Canceled)